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Graystone Great News

February 13th, 2017



Dear Graystone Families,

Thank you to all of you have been following pick up and drop off procedures and helping keep our students and staff safe. As many of you know we have a great group of students and staff that work in the safety patrol, to ensure safe travels to and from school. These staff members and students work extremely hard to keep traffic moving, while keeping our community safe. Please remember:

1. Slow down near school, even before you approach the safety patrol, 15 MPH.
2. If you want to get out of the car you will need to park.
3. When using the valet lines, pull all the way forward, do not get out of the car.
4. When crossing the street, always use the cross walks.
5. Be patient and always treat the safety patrol with kindness.

With your help, we can keep things running smoothly.

Thanks,

Ms. Shumway

Graystone Home and School Club Needs You!

Next year there will be many positions open on the Graystone Home and School Board. We will be making nominations at the March meeting. If you are interested in being part of the governing board next year, please feel free to reach out to me.

Solar at Graystone

The solar project is projected to start here at Graystone in the next 2-3 weeks. This will impact parking at the school for both staff and parents. Please plan to arrive a little early to ensure a parking spot. I will keep you updated as the project progresses.

SJUSD Town Hall Meeting

We're hosting our second district-wide Town Hall Meeting of the school year from **6-8pm on Monday, Feb. 13th**, in the theater at Gunderson High. All staff, parents, students, and community members are invited to attend. Here's the link to **RSVP** on Eventbrite: <https://sjudstownhall0217.eventbrite.com>



Dear Graystone Families,

Hope you're all keeping dry in all this wet weather. Hard to believe we're already into February and headed towards Winter Break!

As was mentioned in the last newsletter, we're currently seeking HSC Board Members for the 2017-2018 school year. Nominations will occur in March, and at this time all positions are considered open. The HSC Board plays a vital role in organizing community events, planning fundraisers and helping to allocate funds to our fabulous programs. Please consider joining the HSC Board so that we may continue our mission to benefit our children and provide teacher support.

We have many exciting, upcoming events and we need your help! Please see volunteer opportunities below and email board@graystonehsc.org with any areas where you can help out.

Family Game Night, Friday March 3, 2017 6-8 PM – We are asking for any new and unused giveaways/party favors (pencils, erasers, stickers, bouncy balls, etc.) to use as prizes for BINGO. Donations can be brought to the office until Wednesday, March 1 and placed in the bin labeled "Family Game Night". We also need volunteer help with set-up/clean-up, and snack shack volunteers.

Cornerstone Dinner Fundraiser, Friday March 17, 2017 5:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a "Family Style" dinner including Spaghetti, Salads, and Bread. Gluten Free options will be available. Our Cornerstone Library will be out to view and read. Fun Visors by: Cornerstone will also provide game and art stations for families to connect. Come see what it takes to be an UPSTANDER. Look for details in your Friday Folders.

Spring Celebration & Walk-A-Thon, March 31, 2017-Our 2nd biggest fundraiser of the year needs lots of volunteer support to function smoothly. If you would like to work on our auction items, set up/tear down or setting up ivolunteer for our hourly volunteers, please email board@graystonehsc.org. We are also seeking donations for our silent auction at the Spring Celebration. If you know any local businesses that can donate items/services or if you have sports tickets, vacation homes, gift cards you can donate please contact Katie Ciciarelli at graystonevp@gmail.com.

Heritage Day, April 28, 2017-Always a popular, well-attended event, we are in need of additional country booths. If you would like to participate please email rashmi_tabada@yahoo.com.

Sports Day, Friday May 12, 2017 9-11 AM - Join this time honored tradition for Graystone for grades K-3. Our 4-5 graders will run 10-12 stations with an adult volunteer. Look for more info in your Friday Folders.

Spring Luau Dance, Friday May 12, 2017-Organizing committee is working on the details and opportunities to volunteer will be available soon! Please email board@graystonehsc.org if interested.

After our vote to spend HSC funds on additional technology to benefit each child was approved, we are in the process of obtaining additional chromebooks and iPads. We expect all of the new one-to-one technology to be in place after Winter Break.

Upcoming Dates -

Winter Break, Monday, February 20, 2017-Friday, February 24, 2017 - No school

Graystone Diner's Night at California Pizza Kitchen, Wednesday, March 1, 2017 - Plan to have dinner and support Graystone HSC!

CRV Recycle Day, Friday, March 3, 2017 - Bring your separated CRV cans and bottles to raise money for Graystone HSC.

HSC Monthly Meeting, Tuesday, March 7, 2017 - Join us for our monthly meeting to be held at 9 AM in the cafeteria.

Thank you for your support of the HSC!
HSC 2016-2017 Board

PROJECT CORNERSTONE NEWS....

The Project Cornerstone February book is *Long Shot: Never Too Small to Dream Big* by professional basketball player Chris Paul. There are two main themes in this book: following a dream and receiving support from family to achieve a goal. Please ask your child/ children about the monthly Project Cornerstone book readings and activities. We want the children to share what they have learned from the books.

Starting February 27th, the Graystone Project Cornerstone team will be selling UpStander t-shirts in youth and adult sizes (S-L). An UpStander is someone who stands up for what is right. The t-shirts will have the UpStander definition on the front and the UpStander Pledge on the back. Each shirt will be \$10 and will be available in bright blue, orange and green. Help us share the UpStander message by buying a t-shirt and wearing it to school. Email the Project Cornerstone Committee at Graystonecornerstone@gmail.com to buy t-shirts. Flyers will also go out in the Friday envelopes on February 17th.

Mark your calendars for the Project Cornerstone Spaghetti Dinner on March 17th in the Superdome. Join us for a family style pasta dinner. Tickets will be \$5 per person and there will be games, activities, photo booth and more. Flyers will be sent home soon.

Please donate to the Project Cornerstone Annual Giving Campaign which raises money to support the YMCA of Santa Clara County's Cornerstone Project. Starting February 13th, we are asking every student to bring \$1 to class and put into the Cornerstone Annual Giving Campaign bucket in their classroom. Your donation will help support the curriculum and program development of Project Cornerstone.

HERITAGE DAY NEWS....

Heritage Day 2017

Date: Friday, April 28, 2017

Time: Starts at 4pm

Theme for this year.... Performing Arts. Come share, celebrate the performing arts from different parts of the world starting with our own USA....consider movies, stage performances, operas, dance, vocal performance, instrumental music, etc.

Be a part of the Graystone's long tradition of celebrating countries/cultures. In the weeks leading up to the event, we will have a Poster Contest; details to follow in the next newsletter. On the day of the event, we will have booths, food, performances and a lot of fun with Graystone friends and families. It is an opportunity for each student to learn about different countries, participate, cheer for their friends, and earn stamps on their Graystone Heritage Day passport.

How can each of us make sure our kids and families have a great time? Get involved - the opportunities are plenty:

- * Coordinate a country booth
- * Volunteer at a booth, setup/teardown, or help with gathering the kids for the parade
- * Encourage your kids to participate in a performance, parade
- * Encourage your child's creativity by having him/her participate in the Poster content; details in the next e-link newsletter
- * Come support the Graystone kids and families on the day of the event!

At present, we have booth coordinators for these countries - Bangladesh, England, France, India, Iran, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mexico, Palestine, Philippines, South Korea, Sweden, Vietnam.... more are welcome!!!

If you are interested in any of the above, do reach out to Rashmi Tabada at rashmi_tabada@yahoo.com with the following information asap:

1. Name/Contact email
2. Your kid's name/grade/teacher
3. How would you like to get involved? Do specify country if applicable.

Graystone School Important Dates to Remember

February 20 th - 24 th	Winter Break - No School
March 1 st , Wednesday	Diner's Night - California Pizza Kitchen
March 3 rd , Friday	HSC Recycling
March 3 rd , Friday	HSC Family Game Night
March 7 th , Tuesday	HSC Meeting 9am
March 8 th , Wednesday	Spring Pictures
March 29 th , Wednesday	Children's Play House 6pm
March 30 th , Thursday	Children's Play House 5:30 & 7pm
March 31 st , Friday	Spring Celebration



Please make sure to **view our school calendar** on our **school webpage** to stay abreast of all school activities. **There is always a ton of exciting activities** happening at Graystone and we want to make sure you are all able to **participate** and **enjoy**.
www.sjusd.org/graystone